

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claim 59. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1.-48. (Cancelled).

49. (Previously Presented) A method for creating a geographically bounded network of computers comprising the steps of:

creating and maintaining a list of attribute bounded electronic addresses representing a plurality of indexable electronic documents, on a computer network, that are associated with a geographically bounded region, where the computer network is the Internet;

identifying a plurality of computers associated with the geographically bounded region, the computers to perform distributed processing tasks to enable the creation of a geographically bounded searchable index of electronic documents;

in response to receiving a geographically bounded request from one of the computers, assigning one or more geographically bounded electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list;

sending the assigned geographically bounded electronic address to the requesting computer, where the requesting computer processes the assigned geographically bounded electronic address to index one or more electronic documents that are obtained through the assigned geographically bounded electronic address;

creating the geographically bounded searchable index of the electronic documents that are obtained through the assigned geographically bounded electronic address; and

storing the geographically bounded searchable index locally on a local hard drive of a tablet device, where the geographically bounded searchable index is accessible offline from the local hard drive without accessing the computer network.

50. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 further comprising receiving the processed result from the requesting computer.
51. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the geographically bounded region is automatically generated based upon a physical address selected from at least one of a group consisting of: a city, a zip code, a longitude, a latitude, an altitude, a telephone area code, an informal designation and an area relative to a location.
52. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the geographically bounded region is based upon a computer address.
53. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the geographically bounded region is a topical boundary.
54. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the network is the Internet and the electronic addresses are represented as Uniform Resource Locators.
55. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the step of assigning further includes overlapping the assignment of geographically bounded electronic addresses to multiple computers.
56. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein assigning one or more geographically bounded electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list further includes:
 - matching at least one of the electronic addresses in the geographically bounded list to at least one attribute from the geographically bounded request; and
 - in response to determining that no electronic addresses in the geographically bounded list matches any attribute from the geographically bounded request, assigning an electronic address from the geographically bounded list that does not match the geographically bounded request from the requesting computer.

57. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein processing step further comprises spidering, on the requesting computer, the assigned geographically bounded electronic address.

58. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the plurality of computers uses peer-to-peer technology to form a virtual community associated with the geographically bounded region.

59. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a geographically bounded network of computers comprising:

- identifying a plurality of computers associated with a geographically bounded attribute to create a geographically bounded network of computers, the computers to perform distributed processing tasks to enable the creation of a geographically bounded searchable index of electronic documents, where the computer network is the Internet;
- maintaining a list of geographically bounded electronic addresses representing a plurality of indexable electronic documents that are associated with the geographically bounded attribute, the indexable electronic documents being webpages on the Internet;
- assigning electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list to computers in the geographically bounded network of computers;
- in response to receiving the assigned electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list, indexing by computers in the geographically bounded network of computers, one or more electronic documents having geographically bounded electronic addresses;
- creating a geographically bounded searchable index of the electronic documents; and
- storing the geographically bounded searchable index on a tablet device, where the geographically bounded searchable index is accessible offline without accessing the computers in the geographically bounded network of computers.